GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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OUTSTANDING DUES OF GOVERNMENT AGAINST STATES
GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government owes dues to States on account of procurement of various agricultural commodities under the market intervention schemes since 1999;

(b) if so, whether the Government have to settle large dues of Government of Karnataka on the above account; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): No, Sir. The Central Government share of loss for implementing Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) has been released to the concerned State Government after final settlement of accounts.

(b)&(c): The Market Intervention Scheme for procurement of Onion & Potatoes have been implemented during 1996-97 and 1997-98. The State designated agency Horticultural Producers` Cooperative Marketing & Processing Society Ltd. (HOPCOMS) furnished the accounts which were not in accordance with the terms of sanctioned MIS. The State Government of Karnataka had been requested to furnish the revised accounts of Onion & Potatoes strictly in accordance with the terms of sanctioned MIS. The Central Government share of loss will be released to the concerned agencies after final settlement of accounts. Market Intervention Scheme for procurement of oilpalm during 2000 & 2001 season were also implemented in Karnataka. The accounts of 2000 season was received as per the terms of sanctioned MIS and the same has been settled and the Central Government share of loss has been released to the Government of Karnataka through NAFED. The accounts of 2001 season has not been received so far from the Government of Karnataka for settlement.